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As reported in 174-260, the A.I.M.I. with the Arab approval of a member of the A.H.Z. some time ago made an approach to Soviet diplomatic representatives in Beirut with the object of obtaining aid in the struggle against the Jews. When the Russian reply, which apparently to have been unsatisfactory, was conveyed to the M.P.L. he apparently decided to pursue the matter more vigorously in a different way. It appears to have started great pressure in Arab League circles to secure subscription for Arab diplomatic in Beirut to break there the connection of Russian aid. Reportedly in order to placate an otherwise disgruntled M.P.L. instructions were accordingly given to the Lebanese Minister in London, SEDDAD HASSAN (??) to make representations to the British. (See our 256). Indeed Arab leaders are said to have speculated about the possibility of concluding a broader agreement with these existing problems in various parts of the MIDDLE EAST, in the event that the Russians showed any signs of supplying help for Palestine. No source states that it is allegedly reported that the Arab approach did not greatly impress Moscow, which appears to have received it as unlikely, according to sources, Arab leaders plan to make further attempts to secure Russian aid.

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